

fied by him and brought to me for confirmation. It is a male and must represent a first time county record. It would be most interesting to plot the spread of this species from the first British record in 1951 in the Isle of Wight. — P. J. GENT, 3 Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough, Northants.

THE CLOAKED PUG (*EUPITHECIA ABIETARIA* GOEZE: *PINI RETZIUS*: *TOGATA* HBN.) IN SOUTH WESTMORLAND (VC 69) IN 1978. — On 5th July 1978, a female of this species was netted by Mr. Arthur Watson of St. Annes-on-Sea, while we were collecting on the Mosses near Witherslack. The insect was resting on top of a large clump of moss, in a damp wood consisting mainly of old Scots pines and birch. Not recognising the species, we pill-boxed it to be photographed later, and being somewhat damaged in the process it was returned to me, whereby I killed and set it. Afterwards I sent it to Mr. D. S. Fletcher of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) who kindly identified it as *Eupithecia abietaria*. Enquiries at the local Forestry Commission office revealed there are no spruces in the vicinity, the nearest being two miles away, and then only immature trees. Dr. N. L. Birkett informs me that there are no records of this species for Cumbria since 1889. — J. BRIGGS, 5 Deepdale Close, Slackhead, Beetham, nr. Milnthorpe, Cumbria. [There have been very few other confirmed captures it seems of the Cloaked Pug in Britain since the war, and the only ones known to me are: Corylum Bridge, Aviemore, Inverness-shire, three beaten out by day, June 10 1946 (A. Richardson *pers. comm.*); Scremerston, Northumberland, female at light, July 4 1959 (E. C. Pelham-Clinton *pers. comm.*); Dorking, Surrey, one, July 1951 (R. F. Haynes, *pers. comm.*); Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire, one at light, July 11th 1978 (Stewart Taylor *pers. comm.*). — J.M.C.H.]

LITHOPHANE ORNITOPUS HUEN. AT WOKING. — It was indeed with surprise that on the morning of March 27th 1979 I found a very unusual visitor to my m.v. trap here in the form of a hibernated example of the Grey Shoulder-knot which is apparently a very rare inhabitant of this region. In fact, the last specimen I saw here was in 1956, and the only previous one in March 1954. Mr. R. F. Bretherton tells me he only recorded three during his living at Ottershaw from 1946 till 1963, while Mr. J. A. C. Greenwood says he only saw a single specimen during his residence in this district covering 24 years from 1953 till 1977. Its absence from this area is remarkable in that it used to be quite frequent at Egham, in Swinley Forest, near Ascot; and also in the vicinity of Pirbright, only seven miles from here. It is however becoming commoner at Bramley, and in the Chiddingfold area, which may account for its reappearance here, as it is evidently now on the up-grade. It is to be hoped we shall see more of this attractive autumn and spring species in the coming years. — C. G. M. DE WORMS, Three Oaks, Shores Road, Woking, Surrey.